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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA COMMISSIONERATE OF FOOD SAFETY, MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

NOTIFICATION

The 23rd July, 2018.

No.CFSM/FSSA/Analysis/4/2012/199. - WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of the undersigned that out of the 19 (nineteen) samples tested and reports received, 2 (two) samples have tested positive for formalin as per the analysis report of the Food Analyst to the Government of *Vide* **No. MLG/112 /18 & MLG/114 /18**, dated **20**th **July, 2018** which is highly toxic and injurious to health.

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of Regulation 3.1.4 of the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products Standards & Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 indicates the preservatives permitted to be used in select articles of food and formalin is not included in the said list of permitted preservatives.

AND WHEREAS, distribution, storage and sale of fresh fish treated with formalin or other unpermitted preservatives render the articles "unsafe" under Section 3(1)(zz)(v) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (a) of Sub-Section (2) of Section 30 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, the storage, distribution or sale of fresh fish or crustaceans brought from outside the State is hereby prohibited for a period of 15 (fifteen) days in the interest of Public Health or till corrective measures are taken with effect from the date of issue of this Notification.

Non-compliance to this Notification will attract imprisonment up-to 7 (seven) years and fine up-to ₹ 10,00,000/-(Rupees ten lakhs) as provided under Section 59(iv) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

This Notification is issued strictly in the interest of Public Health.

P. W. INGTY,

Commissioner of Food Safety Meghalaya, Shillong.